

ecutors, administrators or assigns, according to their respective claims and interests; and after the death or removal of any President or Treasurer, shall vest in the succeeding President and Treasurer for the same estate and interest as the former President and Treasurer had therein, and subject to the same trusts, without any assignment or conveyance whatever; and also shall, for all purposes of action or suit, as well criminal as civil, in law as in equity, in anywise touching or concerning the same, be deemed and taken to be, and shall in every such proceeding, (when necessary,) be stated to be, the property of the persons appointed to the offices of President and Treasurer of the said society for the time being, in the proper names of such President and Treasurer, without further description, and such persons shall, and they are hereby authorized to bring or defend, or cause to be brought or defended, any action, suit or prosecution, criminal as well as civil, in law or in equity, touching or concerning the property, right or claim aforesaid, of or belonging to or had by the said society, and in all cases concerning the property, right or claim aforesaid of the said society, may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, in their proper names as President and Treasurer of the said society, without other description, and no such suit, action or prosecution shall be discontinued or abated by the death of such persons, or their removal from the offices of President or Treasurer, but shall continue in the proper name of the persons commencing the same, any law, usage or custom to the contrary notwithstanding; and the succeeding President and Treasurer shall have the same rights and liabilities, and shall pay or receive like costs, as if the action, or suit, or prosecution had been commenced in their names, for the benefit of, or to be satisfied out of, the funds of the said society.

**XIII.** *And be it enacted,* That in all such actions, suits and prosecutions as aforesaid, the Secretary of such society shall be a competent witness, notwith-